

Rewald Sells Life Story in New Job

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Ronald Rewald has sold exclusive rights to his life story to a California firm for a \$25,000 advance, \$1,000 per week and half of whatever profits are realized in marketing his story, according to court documents.

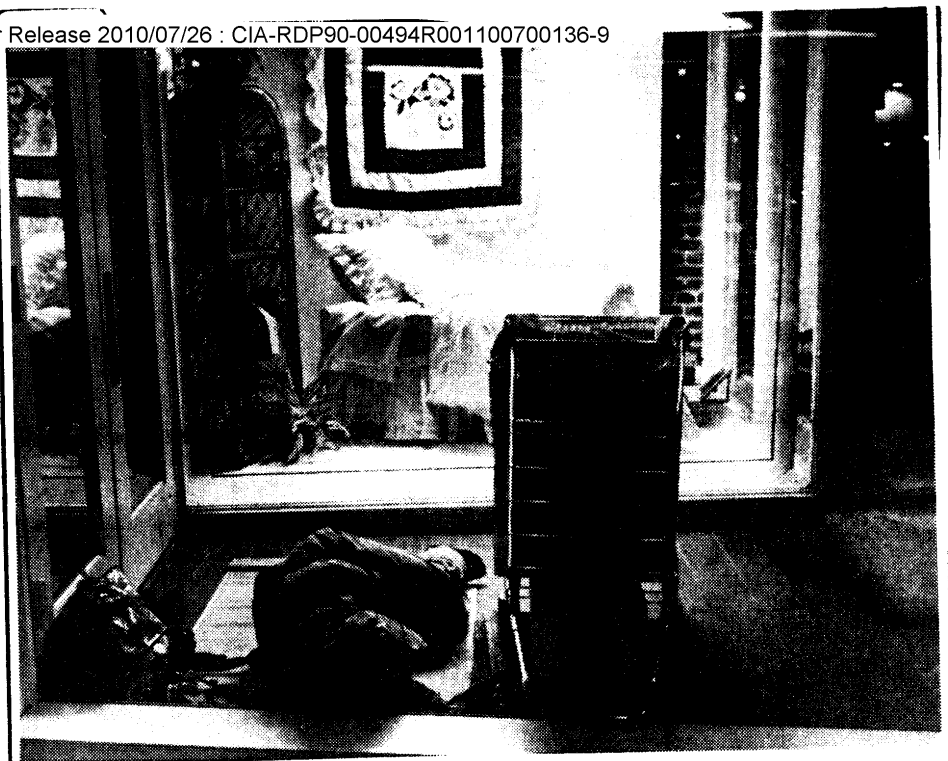
Details of Rewald's recent financial dealings, including a lucrative association with the head of a communications firm, surfaced in documents the U.S. attorney's office filed in federal court yesterday.

Rewald has signed an affidavit claiming poverty and asking that a government-paid attorney be appointed to represent him.

In his financial disclosure form, Rewald lists his total cash at \$364. As to other income, Rewald wrote "amount unknown at this time for rent advanced."

The U.S. attorney's office

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BEDDING DOWN—A street person finds a haven for the night in the entryway of a downtown store. There are about 2,000 homeless persons on Oahu and Honolulu is in the running for a grant for programs to help some of them. Story on Page A-3. —Star-Bulletin Photo by Craig T. Kojima.

Rewald Has Some New Deals

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thinks that Rewald's recent financial ventures puts enough money at his disposal for him to hire his own attorney.

ACCORDING TO the court documents, Rewald has entered into three separate contracts with Ronald Kaufman, president of Voyager Communications Inc. in Palo Alto, Calif.

In one contract, Rewald grants exclusive rights to his life story to Kaufman. Another is an option for Rewald to become Voyager's chief operating officer while the third makes Rewald Kaufman's personal consultant.

Although Rewald is supposed to be out of the business of seeking investments, one of his duties as Kaufman's aide is to consult with him on "business ventures" and to use his "best efforts to arrange communications, including without limitation, personal meetings between myself and persons who, in my good faith judgment, would be likely to invest in one or more of such ventures."

As a consultant, Rewald was to be paid \$500 per week in August and then \$1,000 a week beginning in September and continuing for 35 months. That amount would increase to \$1,400 a week toward the end of the contract.

Under the option agreement to become Voyager's chief operating officer, Rewald already has been paid \$1,000, according to

the court documents.

KAUFMAN SAYS in an affidavit that along with that \$1,000, Rewald already has received \$8,500 under the consulting agreement and \$10,200 under the "life story" agreement.

Voyager also has agreed to pay \$3,400 a month rent for a house in Los Angeles, lease for Rewald the car of his choice and pay all travel expenses. In addition, Rewald already has run up hotel bills of \$3,452, according to the court documents.

Assistant U.S. Attorney John Peyton said in the documents that Rewald's financial deals prove "that substantial economic resources are available to the defendant."

He asks for a "full and detailed inquiry into the entire financial picture of Mr. Rewald."

THE GOVERNMENT plans to delve further into Rewald's finances and also may try to show that Rewald filled out the court form falsely by claiming indigence.

A hearing on that matter has been delayed pending federal Judge Harold Fong's ruling on whether the federal public defender's office can represent Rewald in light of the fact that Deputy Federal Public Defender Ben Cassidy's father lost \$40,000 in Rewald's company, Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald, Dillingham & Wong.

Federal Public Defender Michael Levine, who is representing Rewald at present, said nothing in the government's papers filed yesterday contradict Rewald's claim of indigency.

He pointed out that nowhere in the documents filed yesterday did the government claim that Rewald falsified his financial affidavit.

Levine also said that Rewald still may be entitled to court-appointed counsel despite his recent income. He said it would cost \$350,000 for a private lawyer to take Rewald's case.

UNDER THE "life story" agreement, Rewald grants Kaufman "exclusive and irrevocable rights to the life story of Mr. Rewald, throughout the world, in all media, in perpetuity."

Rewald has agreed to spend up to 15 hours a week writing "fictional works" during the next five years. In return, Rewald will reap half of the profits from from the "sale or exploitation" of his life story.

Under the agreement, Rewald was allowed to be interviewed by ABC News for its recent two-part ABC World News Tonight segments. Other news media will have a more difficult time getting information out of Rewald. According to his agreement, he can answer no more than two questions per month per newspaper.